

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently amended) In ~~the~~ a turbocharger ~~according to claim 22~~ for an internal combustion engine, the improvement comprises a radial bearing is provided for supporting a rotary shaft and comprises a brass alloy in which an Mn-Si compound is crystallized in a brass base material, wherein said Mn-Si compound is elongated in an axial direction of said rotary shaft and is dispersed, wherein said brass alloy contains 54 to 64 wt% of Cu, 0.2 to 3.0 wt% of Si, 0.2 to 7.0 wt% of Mn, 0.5 to 3.5 wt% of Al, and a remainder substantial of Zn.

25. (Currently amended) In the turbocharger according to claim ~~22~~ 24, wherein said radial bearing is made of a floating metal.

26. (Currently amended) In ~~the~~ a turbocharger ~~according to claim 22~~ for an internal combustion engine, the improvement comprises a radial bearing is provided for supporting a rotary shaft and comprises a brass alloy in which an Mn-Si compound is crystallized in a brass base material, wherein said Mn-Si compound is elongated in an axial direction of said rotary shaft and is

dispersed, further comprising a thrust bearing for supporting motion in a thrust direction of said rotary shaft, said thrust bearing being made of the same material as that of said radial bearing, wherein Mn-Si compound crystallized in said thrust bearing is elongated ~~needlelike~~ in a direction perpendicular to an axial direction of said rotary shaft.

27. (Currently amended) In an internal combustion engine, the improvement comprises a turbocharger having a rotary shaft, a radial bearing for supporting said rotary shaft and comprising a brass alloy in which an Mn-Si compound is crystallized in a brass base material, wherein said Mn-Si compound is elongated needlelike in an axial direction of said rotary shaft and is dispersed and said brass alloy contains 54 to 64 wt% of Cu, 0.2 to 3.0 wt% of Si, 0.2 to 7.0 wt % of Mn, 0.5 to 3.5 wt% of Al; and a remainder substantially of Zn.

28. (Cancelled)